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From The Editor...

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Well, I've gone and done it… What have I done you might ask?

Well I did not back up my computer… and yes I lost the hard drive a week or so ago. If the *Loggers Bark* looks a little different, or a bit small this month, thank the PC gremlins for that.

I recovered most of the stuff, but lost about a years worth of digital photo's and all the E-mail files…

Stupid I know, but learn from me and back up at least the important stuff, especially the Photo's!

On to bigger and hopefully better things…

By the time this hits the press, field day planning should be in high gear.

FIELD DAY!

The field day commanders Bob AD7LJ and assistant El Jefe Nick K7MO by now have filled a lot of the band/mode slots, but even as I type there are at least two open slots. Get your bid in now, for a fun-filled field day experience!

I heartily recommend anyone who has not participated in field day to get out there and help!

Field day this year is at the Western State hospital the week-end of June 28th and 29th. Full directions are available on the RCT website at W7DK.org. There are maps and much other information on field day.

Look for me at the ten meter phone station. Ten meters has been open to the south every day this month and most of last month also. There are openings to the east at times also. As I set here and type, the band is open to California, Wyoming and Montana… All at the same time!

CU folks next month!

73 Gary WG7X

GENERAL MEETIN MINUTES
14 May, 2008

The 14 May 2008 Monthly Membership meeting was held at the Pierce County Library Administration Building. . President Randy Thompson AD7FF called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

Officers and board members present:

President: Randy Thompson -- AD7FF
Secretary: Larry Watson -- KD4VOM
Treasurer: Gary McFadden – K7UPG
Board Member: Alan Lentz –W7AML
Board Member: Al Burleson -- K7HW
Board Member: Bob Purdom -- AD7LJ

A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached. There were 50 names on the attendance roster

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Was led by President Randy AD7FF

INTRODUCTIONS:

Self and Guest introductions were completed and guests welcomed. Rukss Ornellas reported his new call, KD7ROF…

ILLNESS OR SILENT KEY:

There was a report that Don Perry K7QLC is not doing well and John Clarke AC7WW is fighting a stubborn virus.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry Watson – KD4VOM

Correspondence: Larry reported the usual utility bills and bank statements as well as an e-mail from Chris Kennedy KB7NMU that the planned ham outing on Camino Island has been scrubbed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Jill Palmer – Rick reported on the progress of the annual membership roster mailing, and several returns, highlighting the need to keep your address information current with him.

PROGRAM: Ken Gibson N7ELF introduced tonight's program; PC Net and Pierce County Emergency Communications by Mark Yordy W7BBO and Robert Larson KE7GB of the Citizen's Corps, Pierce County Neighborhood Emergency Teams.

First Bob explained the background and relationships of the Pierce County Emergency Teams (PC NET), which county developed program under FEMA's Citizen Corps.

This overview of the Citizen's corps activities, explained the functional relationships between the neighborhood, County and FEMA

The key focus was on the neighborhood teams configured to deal with and have a role in a disaster.

The goal is to develop and train a neighborhood citizen's organization in emergency operations. Such as how to turn off your main power supply, water, gas, etc safely in an emergency as well as some placard window signs (OK, or HELP) to e assist first responders as they came to neighborhoods. Communications capabilities would include the use of FMRS for local neighborhood connections. While FRS could be very valuable in the local neighborhood should phones, including cell go it lacks the capability to communicate at greater ranges with EOC's who might be able to assist citizens in need. The use of Amateurs to provide the neighborhood communications link to the (Emergency Operations Center) EOC's and other organizations in an emergency is one of the PC NET goals.

Mark Yordy W7BBO related the PC Net to Pierce County EOC operations, and reinforced the need for amateurs to fill volunteer jobs. He briefly reviewed the certification requirements and added that Pierce County Department of Emergency Management (DEM) has communications vacancies for amateur radio operatoros, and is willing to train folks to fill those jobs.

Several emergency preparedness brochures, pamphlets and booklets were available to attendees.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mother's Day Breakfast: Rich Manson N7ANF reminded all of the upcoming Mother's Day breakfast at the Clubhouse on Sunday, May 18th from around 8:30 to Noon…

W7DK Jim Kirkreit Picnic: Larry KD4VOM announced this year's Kirkreit picnic will be held at Spanaway Lake shelters 5 & 6 on Saturday 14 June from around 11:30 to 2 pm. If you plan to attend, please contact Larry KD4VOM with how many may be coming. A Bunny Hunt is also on the agenda… Picnic flyers were available for attendees.

Door Prize:
No Door Prize

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
28 May, 2008

The 28 May Monthly Membership meeting was held at the Pierce County Library Administration Building. . President Randy Thompson AD7FF called the meeting to order at 7:29 PM.

Officers and board members present:

President: Randy Thompson -- AD7FF
Vice President: Jill Palmer – K7JIL
Secretary: Larry Watson -- KD4VOM
Treasurer: Gary McFadden – K7UPG
Board Member: Al Burleson -- K7HW
Board Member: Bob Purdom -- AD7LJ
Board Member: Frank Palmer – AC7JY

A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached. There were 44 names on the attendance roster

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Was led by President Randy AD7FF

INTRODUCTIONS:

Self introductions were completed and guests welcomed

ILLNESS OR SILENT KEY:

Jill K7JIL reports having sent a card to Don Perry K7QLC… Al Churchill AC7BU reported that Don had fallen and although using a walker, he is at home and recovering.

Jill also reported that John Clarke AC7WW has been ill, but is recovering.

Bob Purdom reported that James Elliot, KA7OH, long time member of the Capitol Peak Repeater Group has had several heart problems and has been hospitalized several times.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry Watson – KD4VOM

Correspondence: Larry reports the usual utility bills and bank statements

Bob Purdom AC7LJ reports a response from the White House President's appointment office regretting that the President cannot attend the Club's Field Day operations

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gary McFadden – K7UPG had financial data available.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Jill Palmer – K7JIL Rick KE7EMW reported current membership stands around 290.

PROGRAM: Nick Winter – K7MO presented a DXpedition Video by James Brooks, 9V1YC, titled BS7H Scarborough Reef 2007. A full length video production on the controversy, planning and operations of the 2007 DXpedition to Scarborough Reef. This isolated coral reef in the South China Sea has been a political tour de force to plan, and has fierce opponents in the DX community as to whether it is/or should be a DX entity. Great program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

HDTV is coming: Steve Blacksten KE7UBE reported on the coming changes in television broadcasting which will require users who use on the air antennas to have a new set top box which run from $ 50 to $60. There are coupons available for those who do not have cable, satellite television or other digital access.

PLU ARC: Nick Winter K7MO reported that the newly established PLU Amateur Radio Club, W7PLU, tested its Technician Candidates. 4 new Technicians joined the Amateur Radio Ranks. Harry W7HSA, John AC7WW, Jon AD7AW and Nick K7MO all participated as VE's. Every candidate who trained with the W7PLU club passed.

Vandal Tower Damage: Dan KA7HIN of Hotpress announced a raffle donation program to assist Frank AC7JY and Jill K7JIL as they recover from recent Fredrickson vandal damage which left their tower and beam badly damaged. Dan is raffling off a large blue jacket with the RCT logo and a hat, all proceeds from the $ 5.00 tick-

ets will go to the Palmers. The raffle will run through the June 25th regular membership meeting.

Door Prize:
A cable lock and Dayton Hamfest led badge were won by Tom Gale, KE7LDC
Jill also noted the Ray KE7BZD has donated several items from the Dayton Hamfest provided by his brother who lives in Dayton

In addition, Maury KD7VJX has donated for a future meeting a motion sensing lighting Heathkit

The meeting was adjourned at 20:58

VE REPORT John AC7WW

On Tuesday, May 13th sour candidates and nine Volunteer Examiners were at the Radio Club of Tacoma's clubhouse. Nine elements were graded with five being passed. We had an International High School student from Japan hire a taxi to get from Burien to the testing site. He is a Japanese Amateur and did take and pass both the Technician and General exams.

Three new Technicians and one General joined the Amateur Radio Service.

Thanks to the following volunteer examiners for their time:

Harry, W7HSA	Steve, KD7UBE
Al, AC7BU	
Jon, AD7AW	Rich, KK7VH
Jim, N7RHX	
Roland, WQ7P	Bill, AD7QI

The next scheduled testing session will be June 10th.

FIELD DAY BARK ARTICLE
AD7LJ

NEWS FLASH - WESTERN STATE HOSPITAL. This year the club will again participate in the ARRL sponsored Field Day as a 7A unit. We will operate seven major stations, the GOTA Station, and a satellite station.

Plans are in the works to also have an Automatic Position Reporting System (APRS) demonstration station and, if all the ducks line up correctly, a mobile Packet station and SSTV demonstration.
I am still looking for volunteers and a subject for the Educational Opportunity event, which will give us 100 bonus points. Other volunteer opportunities abound as well. We still need radio operators, one station shelter, and someone interested in taking on the Chairperson of the 40 meter phone band. Email me at lcdrbob@hotmail.com if you are interested in volunteering Field Day.

Over 125 personal invitations were sent out, inviting elected officials and new hams to the club's Field Day. Each new amateur who completed their amateur testing at the club house received a letter and the press has also been invited. We have even received some interesting responses.

President Bush's scheduling office sent a letter that stated: "Unfortunately, we have had to make some difficult decisions regarding the President's schedule. It is with sincere regret that we must decline your invitation. I want to assure you, however, that your letter received every consideration. Thank you for your understanding."

Governor Gregoire's office called, and though she will not be able to attend she is sending one of her assistants to gather information and report back on the success of our Field Day.
Mark your calendar now as Field day is always the last full weekend in June, and this year that means that Field Day will commence at 11am on Saturday, June 28, 2008 and end Sunday, June 29, 2008 at 11am. Set up will commence at 11am on Friday, June 27, 2008. We will be meeting at the club house at 9am to load all the Field Day supplies for transport to Western State Hospital.
Bring your favorite dish to the Saturday pot luck dinner, and on Sunday morning join us for breakfast.
If you schedule prevents you from directly supporting Field Day don't worry, as moral support is always an acceptable option. Stop by and enjoy Field Day as best your schedule allows, and feel free to join us at the Saturday pot luck or Sunday breakfast.

Dateline: May 2008

Sparky's "View from the Shack"

This and that around the club, and more…

Sparky's *welcomes comments, ideas and letters to "The RCT View", but reserves the right to procrastinate, and generally ignore social engineering or cranky inputs. Editorial philosophy — While there occasionally may be reason and rhyme as we go along, the goal is to ramble through the many and varied activities of the Club and its members as we take another trip around the sun.*

- *Vandals are among us…*
- *Bunnies caught???)*
- *Attaboys*
- *Donations and such*
- *View from the Shack*

Vandals are among us…

Sad to say, there are folks out there with low or no morals who prey on others, sometimes not for stealing but just to hurt others. Last month, Jill K7JIL and Frank AC7JY were the targets of some Fredrickson area vandals. They pulled the pin on Frank's tower and pushed it over. Frank says everything above the 35 foot level was damaged. A sharp warning for the rest of us to keep and eye out, secure our gear as well as we can, log serial numbers and insure our precious gear is insured.

Many bunnies caught, (A catch and release program…?)

I suspect elsewhere in the BARK this event will be covered, but Sparky wanted to add his tip o the cap to Rich KR7W, Pat WT7N, Chuck AC7QN and Al N7OMS's efforts to create a challenging and fun fox hunt at Point Defiance Park.

More Attaboys:

Sparky notes — Kudos to all the Net Control group who keep the Tuesday evening net alive and lively. It's a good place to check in and get the latest announcements as well as share tips, tricks, tuning and traffic. A tip of Sparky's hat to Gary WG7X, Bud K7BUD, Rick KE7EMW, Scott KA7IOX and Peter AD7EU.

Donations

Sparky also wants to thank Jim Swanson for his traditional Tomato Plant sale which sends along a percentage of its price to the club as a donation. We've also received a vintage tape trainer machine and a Toshiba laptop which may work for logging.

View from the Shack…

Sparky notes — Great presentation by Nick K7MO at the 28 May 2008 membership meeting on the Scarborough Reef DXpedition… How you get folks to sit on a coral rock not much larger than a throw rug in the middle of the South China Sea is beyond me.

Around the clubhouse Bob K7MXE has been holding court. He took a paint chip, had it matched, bought a gallon of paint and covered the graffiti (finally) on the back side of the garage. — Thanks Bob and also thanks for the groundskeeper work…

The Disclaimer...

These articles are intended to browse through recent activities and coming events of possible interest to the Radio Club of Tacoma members. It will of course by design and intent be informal and attempt to record some of the Club's activities that might otherwise go unnoticed.

Sparky

It's not whether you win or lose, but how you place the blame.

Happy Birthday **June**

Day	Name	Call	RCT Number
1	Bill Childers	**KD7NJV**	2124
1	Roy Myers	**WA7UZL**	696
2	Kurt Hunter	**W7KMH**	2336
4	Roddy Nolten	**KE7JQU**	2321
5	Paul Jones	**AC7UJ**	2168
7	Nick Winter	**K7MO**	640
10	Garfield Klinger	**KC7LZL**	2053
12	Harry Adams	**W7HSA**	2275
12	Willard Barth	**WA7LRQ**	2262
13	Angela Poore	**KC7EQ**	883
13	Charlie Koonce	**N5AYP**	2303
14	Bob Pensworth	**KC7HIR**	1962
14	Thomas Murphy	**N7QHX**	1370
14	William Jonez	**AB7WJ**	2049
16	Jay Leatham	**KD7DKY**	2035
16	King Davis	**KE7ASO**	2260
16	Stan Young	**KA7RBY**	2289
17	Jim Lawrence	**N7RHX**	2306
19	Brian Terjeson		1688
20	Robert Osborne	**KC7ZLH**	1999
20	Roger Holme	**KE7EMV**	2248
21	Don Hatlestad	**AC7FA**	2296
21	Roger Nace	**K8RN**	406
23	George Wood	**KA7HGE**	2058
23	Harry Howell	**KB7WYO**	1957
23	Mark Rader	**KC7AFO**	1662
24	Shirley Murphy	**N7QHW**	1371
25	Grace Teitzel	**AD7S**	827
25	Lou Metz	**KC7VUM**	1977
27	Norm Hoppe	**K7DCN**	1735
28	Bob Hewlett	**N7NCP**	1316

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To RCT Member:

JUNE 2008 EVENTS

CLUB MEETINGS: Wednesdays June 11th and 25th at the Library Administration Building 112th and Waller Road. The club meets at 7:30 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

Board Meeting: Tuesday June 3rd, 7:30 PM at the RCT clubhouse. All members are welcome.

Bark Deadline: Last week-end of each month. Please submit articles by that time!

Support our club: Attend meetings, volunteer, Elmer!

Check into the weekly two meter net: Tuesdays at 7:30 PM on the club repeater on 147.280 MHz.

Check into the weekly 10 meter net: Sundays at 8:00 PM on 28.375 MHz.